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SUBJECT ~~Full Text~~ INTERVIEW with

ANNOUNCER: George Bush, Director of the CIA, former Chief, United States Liaison in Peking, China, and former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, here are the issues:

Can American influence prevent a racial war in Africa? Will the death of Mao Tse-tung mean the end of detente between China and the United States? Should the CIA be stripped of the power to conduct covert operations against other countries?

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ANNOUNCER: From Washington, D.C., Issues & Answers brings you a spontaneous and unrehearsed interview with George Bush, Director of the CIA. He'll be interviewed by ABC News senior correspondent John Scali and Issues & Answers chief correspondent Bob Clark.

BOB CLARK: Mr. Bush, welcome to Issues & Answers.

Henry Kissinger's mission to Africa has underscored concern that southern Africa may be on the brink of racial war. Do our intelligence reports from the scene indicate that the situation is that critical?

DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH: I think, sir, that they indicate that the situation in Rhodesia is that critical. Indeed, there has been deterioration. And I think the Secretary understands that. That's what's behind his policy that he's reported on to the Congress.

And I would have to say yes, there is a certain deterioration there that, unless there's some political solution, could be very, very serious, in terms of loss of human life.

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